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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS SOME ARGENTINE MILITARY PRECEPTIONS OF US/ARGENTINE RELATIONS.

22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ DURING A RECENT RECEPTION [redacted] (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;Sec. 3.3(b) (1) A CONVERSATION REGARDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND ARGENTINA, [redacted] (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424;Sec. 3.3(b) (1) [redacted] THE OPINION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE US HAD REACHED A LOW POINT AND WERE NOW IMPROVING. THEY CITED THE THREE LISTS OF PERSONNEL HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY RECENTLY RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND CONTINUED BY NOTING THAT THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM WAS MOVING FORWARD, [redacted] Sec. 3.3(b) (1) OPTIMISTIC THAT ARGENTINA WAS NORMALIZING AND IMPROVING ITS HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE ABROAD.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ DURING THE SAME RECEPTION, BG ADAN ALONSO, THE DIRECTOR OF THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL PROVIDED OPENING REMARKS AT THE CEREMONY MARKING THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE THRUST OF HIS PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON THE ARMY RETURN TO TRADITIONAL ROLES FOLLOWING THE LONG STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM. HE NOTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE MARCH 1976 COUP THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL WOULD HAVE A FULL COMPLEMENT OF STUDENTS (THREE CLASSES). FURTHER, THE "COLONELS COURSE" IS BEING OFFERED AGAIN (BY CORRESPONDENCE) FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS. FINALLY, MAJOR ARMY COMBAT UNITS IN THE INTERIOR ARE CONDUCTING TRAINING EXERCISES EMPLOYING CONVEN TIONAL TACTICS AND EMPHASIZING THE MORE TRADITIONAL ROLE OF THE ARMY IN ARGENTINA.

COMMENT: (:) IT IS PATENTLY CLEAR THAT AND NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS TO CURB HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND TO RESPOND TO CRITICISM BY THE US. THEY HOPE THAT SUCH INITIATIVES WILL BE VIEWED FAVORABLY BY THE US AND SEE A LESSENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. BASED ON THEIR OPTIMISM THEY BELIVE THAT NEW OVERTURES FROM THE US WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY. ~~GDS DEC 84.~~

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